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PLANT QUARANTINE IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

OF THE

NYASALAND PROTECTORATE

This revision of the plant quarantine import restrictions of the Protectorate of Nyasaland has been prepared for the information of nurserymen, plant quarantine officials, and others interested in the exportation of plants and plant products to that country.

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BASIC LEGISLATION

The Plant Pests and Diseases Ordinance of February 1, 1924, Revised Edition of the Laws 1933, Chapter 64.

Sections 1 to 8 of the above ordinance prescribe regulations for the importation of plants, and sections 9 and 14 empower the Governor in Council to make rules prohibiting, restricting, or otherwise regulating the introduction of any plant or seed from any specific country.

INTRODUCTION

The plant quarantine regulations of the Nyasaland Protectorate govern the entry of plants, defined as "any tree, shrub, or vegetable, and the fruit, seed, leaves, cuttings or bark thereof, and any portion of a plant whatsoever, whether severed or attached," and their wrapping materials. The regulations cited in this summary are applicable to products from the United States, but may or may not apply to products from other countries.

SUMMARY

General Entry Requirements

1. Importations of plants must comply with the following:

    a. A phytosanitary certificate is required with shipments of potatoes, rose plants, tobacco, and tomato seed. (See pars. 10 and 12, pp. 3 and 5.)

    b. Import permits are required for all importations of plants, except for seeds of flowers, vegetables, and ornamental trees. (See par. 5, p. 2.)

    c. Entry of plants is permitted only through the ports of Port Herald and Chileka, unless the Governor otherwise specifies in a permit. (See par. 6, p. 2.)

Importation Prohibited

2. Importation of the following is prohibited:

    Bananas (*Musa* spp.) and parts thereof. (See par. 13, p. 5.) (See par. 11, p. 4 for further list.)

Importation Restricted

3. Importations of the following products must be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate affirming their freedom from the pests indicated, or that the products, except roses, were grown in an area free from the said pests: (See par. 10, p. 3.)

Potatoes (Solanum tuberosum L.) from Colorado potato beetle (Leptinotarsa decemlineata (Say)), and potato wart (Synchytrium endobioticum (Schilb.) Perc.).
Rose plants (Rosa spp.) from virus diseases. (See par. 12, p. 3.)
Tobacco (Nicotiana tabacum L.) from angular leafspot (Bacterium angulatum F.P. Frome & T.J. Murray), and wildfire (Bacterium tabacum Wolf and H.C. Foster).
Tomato seed (Lycopersicum esculentum Mill.) from bacterial canker (Aplanobacter michiganense (E.F.Sm.)).

Importation Unrestricted

4. Importations of seeds of flowers, vegetables, and ornamental trees are unrestricted. (See par. 5.)

GENERAL REGULATIONS

Import Permit Required

5. No person shall introduce or cause to be introduced into the Protectorate any plant or the seeds of any plant, save the seeds of flower garden plants, ornamental trees and vegetables without the written permit of the Department of Agriculture specially authorizing the introduction of the particular consignment of that plant or seed from a specified source. The issue of a permit shall be in the absolute discretion of the Department of Agriculture which may attach conditions to the permit. An officer may cause to be destroyed any plant or seed introduced in contravention of this paragraph together with the packages thereof. (Reg. 7.)

Authorized Ports of Entry

6. No person shall introduce or cause to be introduced into the Protectorate any plant or the seed of any plant except (a) by post or, (b), where the importation is otherwise than by post, through Port Herald and Chileka in the Blantyre District 1/, or such other place as the Governor in Council by Proclamation may declare to be a port of entry for plants, unless permission in writing is first obtained from the Governor allowing the importer to introduce specified plants at some other specified place. (Reg. 3.)

1/ The port of entry authorized by Proclamation No. 164 1935.

Notwithstanding anything contained in the above paragraph, no person shall import any plant by air unless permission in writing is first obtained from the Director of Agriculture. 1/

Inspection on Arrival

7. An officer may examine any plant or seed introduced into the Protectorate, together with the packages thereof, for the purpose of discovering whether the same be infected with any insect pest or plant disease. (Reg. 5.)

Disinfection

8. An officer who examines any plant or seed introduced into the Protectorate may cause such plant or seed with the packages thereof to be disinfected or otherwise treated as may be prescribed at the cost of the importer, and may, in the case of such plant or seed being infected with any pest or disease either before or after disinfection or treatment, cause such plant or seed and its packages to be destroyed. (Reg. 8.)

Certificate of Origin Required of Importer

9. Every importer shall, when required by an officer, certify in writing-

Name and address of the consignor;
Number and kind of packages;
Names, quantities, varieties, and grade marks of the plants in the consignment; and
Place of origin of each of such plants and seeds; and if any plant or seed not specified in such certificate be found in the consignment or, being so specified, be certified under a false or misleading name or description, the officer may, subject to the approval of the Department of Agriculture, cause that plant or seed to be destroyed.

Any person furnishing a certificate under this sub-section which is false in any material particular shall be guilty of an offense.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS

Phytosanitary Certificate Required for Specific Articles

10. No person shall introduce, or cause to be introduced into the Protectorate any of the plants mentioned in the schedule for plants in this paragraph, or the seeds thereof respectively unless

1/Proclamation No. 6 of 1936.

the consignment be certified to the satisfaction of the department by a duly authorized official of the country whence the same was exported to be free from any disease or pest mentioned in the schedule of pests and diseases in this paragraph or to have been grown in an area free from such of the said diseases or pests as the particular plant may be liable to.

a. Schedule of plants

Potatoes (*Solanum tuberosum* L.)
Tobacco (*Nicotiana tabacum* L.)
Tomato seed (*Lycopersicum esculentum* Mill.) 1/

b. Schedule of pests and diseases

Aplanobacter michiganense (E.F.Sm.)	Bacterial canker 1/
Bacterium angulatum F.P. Frome & T.J. Murray	Angular leafspot
Bacterium tabacum Wolf & H.C.Foster	Wildfire
Leptinotarsa decemlineata (Say)	Colorado potato beetle
Synchytrium endobioticum (Schilb.) Perc.	Potato wart

Importation Prohibited

11. The introduction into the Protectorate of any of the following is prohibited: 2/

Acacia plants and parts thereof, except seeds and manufactured products.
Apples (*Malus* spp.), pears (*Pyrus* spp.), quinces (Cydonia *oblonga* Tourn.) and loquats (*Eriobotrya japonica* Lindl.).
Broomcorn (*Sorghum vulgare* var. *technicum* (Koern. Jav.) if unmanufactured and unless the crowns are completely cut away or otherwise crushed to shreds.
Chestnut (*Castanea* spp.) seeds or plants.
Citrus (*Citrus* spp.) fruits (fresh) and dried citrus peel, excluding candied citrus peel.
Coniferous plants and parts thereof, except seeds and manufactured products.
Elm (*Ulmus* spp.) seeds and plants.
Eucalyptus spp., except seeds and manufactured products.
Fresh stone fruits (peaches, plums, prunes, etc.).
Oak (*Quercus* spp.) plants and parts thereof, except seeds and manufactured products.
Peach (live) stones (*Amygdalus persica* L.).
Plane (*Platanus* spp.) plants and parts thereof, except seeds and manufactured products.
Plants in soil other than special rooting compost.

1/Proclamation No. 5 of 1945.
2/Proclamation No. 11 of 1936.

Certification of Rose Plants Against Virus Diseases Required

12. The importation of any rose plant from Australia, Canada or the United States of America shall be permitted only on condition that the consignment be certified to the satisfaction of the Director of Agriculture by a duly authorized official of the country whence the same was exported to be free from any virus disease of roses. 1/

Bananas Prohibited

13. No banana plants (*Musa* spp.) or parts thereof shall be imported into the Protectorate unless accompanied by a certificate issued by a mycologist of the South African or Rhodesian Government certifying such bananas to have been grown in quarantine under the supervision of the said mycologist, and to be free from disease. 2/

1/Proclamation No. 10 of 1936.
2/Government Notice No. 29 of March 10, 1942.

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